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SUBJECT: PROPOSED QUADRIpartite ENRICHMENT CLASSIFICATION
MEETING

REF; A. STATE 114853 B. LONDON 7233, 7642

1. AS DISCUSSED IN REF A. USG WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE WITH
OTHER QUADRIpartite COUNTRIES ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF MEET-
INGS ON THE SUBJECT OF CLASSIFICATION OF GAS CENTRIFUGE
ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY. WE ALSO SUGGESTED A US, UK, FRG
MEETING ON CLASSIFICATION OF ADVANCED ISOTOPE SEPARATION.
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REF. B ACKNOWLEDGED UK AGREEMENT WITH THE SUGGESTED MEET-
INGS BUT AT A LATER TIME THAN THAT PROPOSED BY THE U.S. IN
A MEETING AT THE HAGUE ON JULY 28 CONCERNING IAEA SAFEGUARDS
FOR THE ALMELO GAS CENTRIFUGE PLANT, THE SUBJECT OF THESE
MEETINGS WAS DISCUSSED. THE TRIPARTITE GROUP INDICATED AN
OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER DATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AND ASKED THAT
THE US PROVIDE ;UGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS PRIOR TO A URENCO

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF AUGUST 1978.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO SEND LETTER TO APPROPRIATE UK OFFICIAL WITH SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. PURSUANT TO OUR JULY 28 DISCUSSIONS AT THE HAGUE, THE FOLLOWING DRAFT AGENDAS FOR (1) A QUADRIPARTITE MEETING (US, UK, FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS) TO DISCUSS GAS CENTRIFUGE CLASSIFICATION AND (2) A TRILATERAL MEETING (US UK AND FRG) TO DISCUSS PROTECTION OF ADVANCED METHODS OF ISOTOPE SEPARATION ARE TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND COMMENT

1. DRAFT AGENDA, QUADRIPARTITE MEETING, (US, UK, FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS), LONDON

MORNING SESSION

OPENING REMARKS -----TRIPARTITE/US

EFFECTIVENESS OF QUADRIPARTITE ----- DISCUSSION LEADER/FRG
CLASSIFICATION POLICY

RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT

REVIEW OF TRIPARTITE GUIDE-----DISCUSSION LEADER/UK
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PRESENT STATUS

GENERAL COMPLIANCE

STATUS OF GAS CENTRIFUGE CLASSIFI-----SPEAKERS;
CATION POLICY

US: DECLASSIFICATION ACTIONS-----US

TRIPARTITE; POLICY STATUS-----UK, FRG AND

AFTERNOON SESSION

CLASSIFICATION POLICY IMPLEMENTATION--DISCUSSION LEADER/

PROBLEMS-----SPEAKERS/UK,US,FRG

POSSIBLE CLASSIFICATION GUIDE REVISIONS

APPROACHING OTHER COUNTRIES WITH REGARD-DISCUSSION LEADER/US
TO CLASSIFYING GAS CENTRIFUGE

TECHNOLOGY

BILATERAL VS. MULTILATERAL APPROACH

SPECIFIC COUNTRIES TO BE APPROACHED

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS

2. DRAFT AGENDA, TRILATERAL MEETING, (US, UK AND FRG),
LONDON MORNING SESSION

POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF-----SPEAKERS/US,UK AND FRG
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ADVANCED ISOTOPE SEPARATION
TECHNOLOGY IN INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES

EARLY RESEARCH

ADVANCED R&D

MONITORING TECHNIQUES

PROTECTION TECHNIQUES

CLASSIFICATION AS A MEANS OF-----DISCUSSION LEADER/UK
PROTECTION FROM NATIONAL
SECURITY VIEW POINT

HISTORICAL EFFECTIVENESS

FUTURE ROLE

AFTERNOON SESSION

CLASSIFICATION AS A MEANS OF-----DISCUSSION LEADER/FRG
PROPRIETARY PROTECTION

HISTORICAL EFFECTIVENESS

FUTURE ROLE

AGREEMENT, IN PRINCIPLE, TO-----DISCUSSION LEADER/US
PROTECT ADVANCED ISOTOPE
SEPARATION TECHNOLOGY

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TYPE OF AGREEMENT

TECHNOLOGIES COVERED

BILATERAL VS. MULTILATERAL

PROTECTION BY THIRD PARTIES

FUTURE COORDINATION

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS-----GENERAL DISCUSSION

FUTURE MEETINGS

"IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TALKS WILL BE CONFINED TO ENRICHMENT CLASSIFICATION (I.E., THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSFER OF ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY). WE WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM OUR PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE TWO MEETINGS TAKE PLACE CONSECUTIVELY IN LONDON, BEGINNING WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING, AS REQUESTED BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES ATTENDING THE FEBRUARY 2-3, 1978 LONDON ROUND OF US/UK TECHNICAL NONPROLIFERATION DISCUSSIONS, AND AS NOTED IN REFERENCE (B), WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT A PRELIMINARY US/UK BILATERAL TAKE PLACE IN LONDON THE DAY BEFORE THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING.

"WITH REGARD TO YOUR PROPOSAL FOR INCLUDING THE FRENCH IN THE TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ADVANCED ISOTOPE SEPARATION, THE US HAS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH ON THIS SUBJECT AND THEY HAVE AGREED THAT SUCH TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED. FOR THE MOMENT, THE US BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE TO HANDLE ANY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON ADVANCED ISOTOPE SEPARATION ISSUES WITH THE FRENCH ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

"IN VIEW OF YOUR ;TATED PREFERENCE FOR MEETING DATES
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IN EITHER OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE ON THE SUGGESTED DATE, IN ADDITION, ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE ON THE DRAFT AGENDAS.

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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